SHRI ARUN JAITELY: Sir, I move:

That the Amendments made by the Lok Sabha in the Bill be agreed to.

प्रस्ताव पर मत लिया गया और वह स्वीकृत हुआ।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री रमा शंकर कौशिक) : अब सदन की कार्यवाही भोजनावकाश के लिए सवा दो बजे तक स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned for lunch at sixteen minutes past one of the clock.

The House re-assembled after lunch at nineteen minutes past two of the clock, THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

THE HYDERABAD EXPORT DUTIES (VALIDATION) REPEAL BILL, 2001

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yesterday, we deferred certain Bills because the Law Minister was busy in the Lok Sabha...

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): This morning, we passed two of the Bills.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I know; you did the job very fast.

Now, I think we can do this job very fast because only Dr. Alladi P. Rajkumar is there. What do you have to say on the Hyderabad Export Duties (Validation) Repeal Bill, 2001?

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR (Andhra Pradesh) : Madam, even the Government of Andhra Pradesh does not have any objection to the repeal of this Bill.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay. So, you can get up and say that, after the Minister has spoken. We will take up this Bill now. Mr. Minister.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): Madam, on behalf of my colleague, Shri Gingee N. Ramachandran, I move:-

> "That the Bill to repeal the Hyderabad Export Duties (Validation) Act, 1955, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration".

The Hyderabad Export Duties (Validation) Act, 1955 was enacted to validate the levy and collection of certain duties on export of goods from the erstwhile State of Hyderabad to other States during the period from February, 1942 to September, 1954. The Act has become obsolete and the Government of Andhra Pradesh has no objection to the repeal of this Bill. The Commission on Review of Administration has also recommended the repeal of this Bill, since the objective of the Act to validate certain actions during this specific period has already been achieved. The Bill has already been passed by the Lok Sabha on 6th August, 2001. I request that this august House may consider and pass the Bill.

The question was proposed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, you have no objection to it.

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR (Andhra Pradesh) : Certainly, I have no objection.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: So, nobody has any objection to the repeal of this Bill. He is from Hyderabad and he has no objection.

SHRI SURESH A. KESWANI (Maharashtra) : Madam, we are the opposition party in Hyderabad. We should also be heard.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If you want to, you speak. If you oppose the Bill, I do not mind. Anyway. I put the motion to vote.

The question is:-

> "That the Bill to repeat the Hyderabad Export Duties (Validation) Act, 1955, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration".

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL: Madam, I move:-

That the Bill be passed.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up the Advocates' Welfare Fund Bill, 2001. इस बिल पर तो कई बोलने वाले हैं। इसको क्या अपोज कर रहे हैं?

श्री संघप्रिय गौतम (उत्तरांचल) : मैडम, सब सपोर्ट कर रहे हैं।

उपसभापति : एटलीस्ट यह तो मालूम होगा कि इस हाउस में कितने वकील हैं इसलिए सब पहले खड़े होकर हाथ उठा दीजिए। मुझे मालूम हो जाय कि इस हाउस में कितने वकील है।

THE ADVOCATES' WELFARE FUND BILL, 2001

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): Madam, I move:-

> "That the Bill to provide for the constitution of a welfare fund for the benefit of advocates and for mattersconnected therewith or incidental thereto, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration".

Madam, I will just explain the need for a Bill of this kind and what the salient features of this Bill are. It had been a longstanding demand of the lawyers all over the country that a Central legislation of this kind should be drafted. There are several State Governments and State Assemblies which have already a law of this kind in place and we had different experiences of a law of that kind. This law protects each one of them, unless those State Assemblies or the State Governments decide that they may find this as a beneficial provision and decide to transfer themselves and their lawyers into the benefits of this Bill.

The scheme of this Bill is that it bears in mind that professionals otherwise do not have any element of social security. There is no Provident Fund. There is no gratuity. There is no pension. Some of them, of course, do earn very well. But the earnings of a very large number of them are not so high as to even sustain them or their families out of the savings that they have.

This Bill, under section 3, constitutes an Advocates' Welfare Fund. There are enabling clauses as to from where monies can come in. The Governments can also make contributions to the Fund.